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DEPT MAY WISH TO REPEAT TO OSLO AND THE HAGUE

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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S EUROPEAN TRIP

REF: A) USUN 161886; B) STATE 169470

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR FOR IO AFFAIRES (AMB
ERNEMANN) TOLD US JULY 12 THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY'S RESPONSE
TO OUR REQUEST FOR BI-LATERAL APPOINTMENTS FOR GOVERNOR
SCRANTON WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE AND DIRECTOR
GENERAL DAVIGNON WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT RESULTS OF BELGIAN
NATO PERMREPS DEMARCHE TO SEC GEN LUNS AND DEMARCHE

BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON INSTRUCTED TO MAKE TO
DEPARTMENT. ERNEMANN SAID HE EXPECTED THAT NATO LUNCH
WOULD HAVE TO BE CANCELLED SINCE A NATO MEMBER FOUND
IT "UNACCEPTABLE" AND MADE CLEAR THAT IT WOULD
NEITHER COOPERATE NOR PARTICIPATE IN PROCEEDINGS. HE
ADDED THAT BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN
TOLD "TO SUGGEST THAT SCRANTON NOT COME AT ALL."

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2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT

OF BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TELEGRAM DATED JULY 12
SENT ACTION BELGIAN MISSION TO NATO, INFO BELGIAN
EMBASSIES WASHINGTON, BONN, THE HAGUE, LONDON AND OSLO:

"A. ANNOUNCEMENT BY US COLLEAGUE THAT COMPROMISE
WORKED OUT APPEARS TO ME ALTOGETHER UNACCEPTABLE ...

B. AT NO TIME EVER HAS THERE BEEN DISAGREEMENT
OVER THE RIGHT OF A COUNTRY TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF
ITS PARTNERS TO A SPECIFIC PROBLEM AND TO BRING TO
DISCUSS AN ISSUE IN THE NAC AN ENVOY FROM A CAPITAL ...
WE CANNOT THUS AGREE TO THE ACCORD WHICH HAS BEEN
REACHED.

C. I THUS REQUEST YOU TO DRAW THE SECRETARY
GENERAL'S ATTENTION TO THE SERIOUS IMPLICATION, WHICH
THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FORMULA MENTIONED ABOVE WOULD
ENTAIL FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF THE NAC. THIS FORMULA
GOES AGAINST THE OTTAWA DECLARATION AND THE SPIRIT OF
THE HARMEL REPORT. IT APPEARS TO ME IT WOULD BE USEFUL
FOR HIM TO RAISE THE QUESTION AGAIN AT THE NEXT LUNCHEON.
TO RESIGN ONESELF TO HAVING THE AGENDA ON AN EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS IN THE NAC DECIDED BY ONE STATE IS UNACCEPTABLE.

D. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR US COLLEAGUE THAT IN
THE EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES AND IF THERE IS NO NEW
ELEMENT, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE LUNCHEON ...

E. I WILL HAVE PARALLEL DEMARCHES MADE IN
WASHINGTON, BONN, THE HAGUE, LONDON, AND OSLO.
VAN ELSLANDE."

3. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY SUMMARY TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN
MINISTRY TELEGRAM SENT JULY 12 TO BELGIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON FOR ACTION, WITH INFO COPIES TO BELGIAN DEL
NATO, BONN, THE HAGUE, LONDON AND OSLO: "(REF TELEGRAM
QUOTED PARA 2 ABOVE) YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A HIGH
LEVEL DEMARCHE TO EXPLAIN OUR POSITION AND OUR FEARS
ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE DISCUSSION IN THE COUNCIL. WE
ARE NOT SEEKING ANY DISPUTE WITH THE FRENCH, BUT THE
COMPROMISE PROPOSED HAS IMPLICATIONS SO SERIOUS THAT
WE CANNOT SUBSCRIBE TO IT. VAN ELSLANDE"

4. COMMENT: TEXTS OF BELGIAN MESSAGES WERE GIVEN US
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